Population Policy. The representations of women's Organisations will be given due consideration by the Group of experts while drafting the National Population Policy.

Review of National Health Policy

1669. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the National Health Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the State of India's health Report;

(d) whether Government propose to incorporate these recommendations in the National Health Policy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The goals and implementation of strategies set out in the National Health Policy of 1983 are being continuously reviewed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Positive suggestions which are capable of operationalization are periodically examined and incorporated in the planning process.

Two faces of C.G.H.S.

1670. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-items published in the Indian Express dated 15th November, 1993 under the heading "Two faces of C.G.H.S."; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps Government propose to take for providing medicines in all the C.G.H.S. dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Subzi Mandi dispensary is running on the Ground Floor of a rented building in a crowded locality. The landlord has been requested to improve its maintenance, including toilets, etc. There was some shortage of medicines in recent past and efforts have been made to streamline the supply position.

As a matter of policy, disposable syringes are not supplied to the dispensaries. Disposable needles are available in the dispensary laboratory.

Instructions have been issued that there should be no tea/tiffin break in C.G.H.S. dispensaries.

1671. *[Transferred to 24th December, 1993.]*

Pesticide residues in food items

1672. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 26.11.93 captioned "Pesticide residues in food items" from beyond permissible limits in the three main categories of food tested at the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad;

(b) whether it is a fact that women are most vulnerable to pesticides according to the conclusion of the survey report conducted at the workshop organised jointly by the Consumer Forum, New Delhi, and AIWC (the All India Women's Conference); and

(c) if so, whether Government have so far launched any educational programme for correct identification of the pesticide, proper application technique, safe storage if so, details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.